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1. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND AGENDA FOR JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 12-15 WERE REVIEWED WITH UNDERSECRETARY AL NAZER OF MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. MINISTER OF ECONOMY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND DR. EFFAT HELD SERIES OF MEETINGS OCTOBER 2 WITH OTHER

GOE OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS EGYPTIAN SIDE OF JBC. NET RESULT OF MEETINGS IS EGYPTIAN DECISION TO ADHERE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE AND AGENDA TRANSMITTED REFTEL.

2. DR. EFFAT AS CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTIAN SIDE OF COUNCIL HAS APPARENTLY REASSUMED CENTRAL ROLE IN PREPARATIONS FOR AND CONDUCT OF JBC MEETING.

MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS PROVIDING 15 MEMBER STAFF TO SUPPORT CONFERENCE AND HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE AND BANQUET FACILITIES AT MERIDIEN HOTE. MOST CONFERENCE DETAILS, HOWEVER, ARE UNDER DR. EFFAT'S DIRECTION INCLUDING GUEST LISTS FOR VARIOUS FUNCTIONS.

3. AL NAZER CONFIRMED THAT PM SALEM WOULD MAKE OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME GROUP MONDAY, OCTOBER 13. MEETING WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT SADAT HAS BEEN REQUESTED, BUT EMBASSY DOUBTS

WHETHER IT WILL TAKE PLACE AS SHOWN ON TENTATIVE AGENDA.
OUR EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS THAT GROUP WILL HAVE TO MEET SADAT AT
TIME AND LOCATION OF HIS CHOICE. THIS WILL
PROBABLY CAUSE SOME REARRANGEMENT OF MEETING SCHEDULE.
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